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1881

Jan. 5 Went to Boston. Attended to some items of business. Went in to the annual meeting of the Historic Genealogical Society. Hon. Marshall P. Wilder was reelected president, and the other officers were generally reelected. In accordance with the custom of the Society, the president made his annual address. He reviewed the progress of scientific discovery during the past year - dwelt upon the prosperity of our country, and predicted in glowing terms the wonderful developments of this land in the future.

" 8 Attended meeting of the Library committee at the Library room. Present, Mr McLeod, A. A. Conant, A. M. Morrison and myself. Have obtained $525. by subscription for the Library. Agreed upon a list of books to be purchased.

" 9 P. M. heard Mr Kilbourn preach from Phil. III, 13, 14.
Evening - text. Jer. III, 4. A sermon for the young.

" 13 Attended a "sociable" at Mr Jacobs. Mr Kilbourn read from Mrs Stowe, 'Sleeping in meeting'. Annar Jacobs also read.

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Jan 15 Mine, P. M. – Meeting of the Library Committee
he shall take steps to have the Library in medt.
18 P. M. – Mr Kilbourn preached from Romans
I. 16, – upon the efficacy of the Atonement.
Jefferson Cole spoke in the evening
in the church upon Education among
the freedmen of the South. He has
been a teacher among them for several
years. Two of his children died there
last year. He is now a teacher in Cabody
19 22 Great fall of snow.
27 Met Dr Hurd of Newburyport in Mrs
Jacob's case. She has convulsions de-
pendent upon Knight's disease of the
kidneys. Give chloral & bromide of potassium
– Digitalis & nitrate of potass.
28 Cold weather – High N. West wind. Snow
blows – deep drifts.
29 No trains of cars to-day. Delayed by
snow drifts a few miles from New-
buryport.
Added 57 books to the Town Library.
30 West with team as far as "Cowley"
bridge. – Sent team home, and con-
tinued on foot to the house next beyond
John Petersen's. Attended an Astetric
case – Returned home on foot in
the evening.

Feb. 2 Thermometer reported to rise well more than two degrees above zero.
Was at auction of the personal estate of the late Josiah B. Gould. Bought English hay at 23 dollars per ton.

" 3 Went to an exhibition at the town hall, got up by ladies connected with the congregational society for amusement and to procure funds to expend in refurnishing the vestry.

" 12 Remains of Perley Balch, a native of this town, lately a teacher of Lowell, brought here and buried.
A heavy easterly rain.

" 13 Mr. Kilbourn preached. P.M. from the words in Acts XXIV, 25

" 19 The Library committee have met twice times this winter on Saturday evening. Sixty new books have been recently added to the library.

" 20 Visited patients.

" 22 Saw in the newspaper, notice of the wreck of the Barque Hazard, Capt. David Roberts, near Nantucket. The Capt. mate and two seamen reached the Island of Nantucket in the only boat, about 6 P.M. having been about 12 hours in the open boat, — said to have been nearly exhausted. The second mate and six men took to a raft and have not yet heard from

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Feb. 24. By a statement in Boston Journal by the Captain and Mate, it appears that the Hazard struck on Old Man Shoal of Nantucket, but clear of the shoal in about half an hour, when the vessel was found to be in a sinking condition. A raft was made, which most of the crew preferred to take. They had but one boat, a fifteen foot gig, built of cedar. Their other boat was stove on the coast of Africa, and the wreck of it sold there. Just before they sailed, no other boat was procurable. The men in the "gig" were exposed in it nearly 13 hours.

28 Has been a cold winter. The season closes with rain, and thunder and lightning in the [illegible]

March. 1 Town Meeting.
Moderator Samuel Todd.
Clerk Frank D. Winslow
Constables. Henry W. Lake, James Wilson
Selectmen S. F. Hood, John H. Potter, B. P. Pike
Assessors. S. D. Hood, M. B. Perkins, B. P. Adams
Overseers of the Poor. Andrew Gould, R. A. Orne, Geo. P. [Averill]
School Committee. Fred. Hodge, F. D. Winslow
Library Committee. J. B. Poor
Collector John H. Gould
Treasurer, J. Porter Gould

[illegible]

" 20 Sam'l Wells Home and [illegible]
[illegible]

" 21 Speaking of the M.E. Church [illegible]
[illegible]

" 22 The Prairie Hermitage [illegible]
[illegible] Church not established [illegible]
in the province. Here [illegible]
[illegible] Rapids and [illegible]
[illegible] were chiefly [illegible]
[illegible] settlers,

Blacksmiths and cabinet [illegible]
[illegible]

" 23 [illegible]

" 24 Visit to Belton - Meets [illegible]

" 25 Home Meeting [illegible]
at Kingston [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] institution gives an [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] visited [illegible]

conveniently for several weeks [illegible]

[illegible] has supplied [illegible]

[illegible] attended parish meeting [illegible]

[illegible] half hour.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible], Chas. [illegible]

Committee, Chas. J. [illegible]

A. A. Conant, [illegible]

[illegible] order, [illegible]

Voted to attempt to raise $ [illegible]

[illegible]

Voted to refer appropriations [illegible]

voted to refer the supply of the [illegible]

[illegible] to see what action the [illegible]

to reduce the debt of the [illegible]

Voted that the ladies [illegible]

[illegible]

No action was taken [illegible]

[illegible] of the parsonage [illegible]
[illegible] Woodbury's [illegible]
[illegible] Apr. 30. He has improved
[illegible] committee [illegible]
[illegible] room in hall. [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] meeting in the evening [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] R. Perkins died, aged 54 yrs. 10 m.
[illegible] a prominent citizen. He had
[illegible] attack of croup the 16th inst.
[illegible] & rather supervening upon
[illegible]
[illegible] throat especially [illegible]
[illegible] and about the [illegible]
[illegible] prostration. Congestion of
the lungs came on in the morning
[illegible]
[illegible] 11. 10 P. M.
[illegible]

died, Apr. 7. [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] of Salem [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] M.B. [illegible]
Have had a very [illegible] time [illegible]

Mar 7 [illegible] was here to see [illegible]
with me — She has heart disease [illegible]
[illegible].

" 10 Dr Johnson [illegible] came to Middleton [illegible]
Mrs John Curtis and Mr Curtis both [illegible]
[illegible].

" 11 Mr Curtis died at 12.15 [illegible] 10th [illegible]
Mr Curtis about 3.30 A.M. [illegible] 11th
Mr Curtis had the right lung [illegible]
the first (he was taken [illegible])
[illegible] 9th 10th [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

12 [illegible]
[illegible]
have made their appearance this week.

" 24 Attended [illegible]
room of the hall:—
1st to elect [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
2d [illegible]
in relation to rebuilding [illegible]

[illegible] the house of John F. [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] to a
[illegible] consisting of the selectmen [illegible]
[illegible] to report at the next
[illegible] meeting.
[illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] of the road
[illegible] across the common between the
[illegible] hall and the [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible]
1 Went to Boston.
[illegible] Watson, aged about [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] below the [illegible]
[illegible] at about [illegible] P. M. [illegible]
[illegible] after he plunged at the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. His body was recovered at 10, P. M.
[illegible] to the farm and [illegible] res-
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for about
[illegible] [illegible] from near [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] attended about P. M. [illegible] I have
not been [illegible] since February. There
has been no time when I could [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the ~~[illegible]~~ Museum [illegible]
[illegible]. Most [illegible]
~~At 12 [illegible]~~ [illegible] listened to the [illegible]
address by Dr. Saml. A. [illegible]
[illegible] in Memorial Hall. [illegible]

[illegible]

visit to Cambridge to see. [illegible]
took horse cars which brought us
down square, where [illegible]
[illegible] of the society and [illegible]
them to Rowe's wharf to the [illegible]
John A. Andrew. [illegible]

[illegible]

attended the [illegible]
at their [illegible] in [illegible]
in the evening. Afterwards [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
stopped at the [illegible]
[illegible] Sunday morning [illegible] some time in [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Horticultural Hall [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] time to spend upon it.

The annual meeting was then [illegible] in the upper Horticultural Hall, [illegible] John C. Warren delivered the address [illegible]

[illegible] Hall [illegible]

[illegible] Church took us to the Music Hall [illegible] the annual dinner was [illegible]. [illegible] stayed after the dinner, [illegible] addresses of the Commissioners [illegible] Chairman [illegible] Hill, and that of the [illegible] Williams, [illegible] was responding [illegible] to the State.

[illegible] home at 4 P.M. and [illegible]

[illegible] concluded a tedious obstetric [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

July 2. Was on the Post Office Building [illegible] [illegible] of the shooting of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] did not. The first telegram gave the [illegible] [illegible] that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

" 3 Spent the day, Sunday, in visiting patients and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] phonic despatches concerning the [illegible] condition

" 4 The full accounts in the newspapers especially the official bulletins of the [illegible] ing physicians are more encouraging — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Fourth.

" 7 Died, Mrs Thos. W. Reeve at [illegible] [illegible] Pneumonia — had been sick [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the case. I saw her every [illegible] but [illegible] think. Dr Smith went to [illegible] Thursday [illegible] returned a few minutes before the end. I was present in the afternoon [illegible] from [illegible]

[illegible]

that he went to Boston in the morning [illegible] returned in the 2 o'clock train [illegible] intended to bring a physician from Boston to consult on the case but [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] that has increased greatly [illegible] the last twenty five years

19 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

26 Mrs Mehitable Lake, widow of [illegible] Lake died, aged 76 - Had chronic [illegible] of the heart, and the last few months [illegible]

In the evening at the vestry, Miss Helen [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ice cream, [illegible] the S. School [illegible]

" 29 Went to Boston.

[illegible]

[illegible] engaged
[illegible] until next
[illegible]

[illegible] read [illegible]
[illegible] at the town hall.
[illegible] succeeds well.

[illegible] dark day. Could not well to
[illegible] except at a window. The
[illegible] had a yellow "[illegible]" [illegible]
[illegible]. The grass and foliage
[illegible] an intense green — [illegible]
[illegible] yellow, [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible].

[illegible] West to Boston. The warmest day
of the season.

[illegible] Two children of Abram Welch
[illegible] this day of malignant
[illegible]
[illegible]. One case took the
[illegible] of croup. [illegible]
[illegible] and blood poisoning.

[illegible] the bells [illegible]
[illegible] the south [illegible]
[illegible] A. [illegible].

Oct. 20 [illegible]
[illegible]
The unfavorable [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Almost every one appears [illegible]
[illegible] a feeling of loss [illegible]
[illegible] unfortunate event.

" 25 Memorial services were held in the two churches. Was unable to attend in the [illegible] present at the [illegible] in the evening. Mr Crowell [illegible] after discourse well [illegible] from [illegible]
The churches were draped [illegible]

" 26 Attended the M.E. Church at [illegible] where union services were performed [illegible] being the hour at which the last [illegible] rites were being held at Cleveland, O.
The choirs of both societies [illegible]
The services were conducted by the ministers of the two societies [illegible] McLeod. They all made [illegible] and spoke well.

" 28 Went to Boston. Attended the first session of the State Prohibitory Convention. Witnessed the proceedings from the gallery of Meionaon Hall, Tremont Temple.
About 163 delegates present from about 26 cities and towns.

[illegible] was [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

In the discussions which took place, [illegible] as well as

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Gilbert and others took part in the discussions. Four delegates, one of whom was John W. [illegible] favored nominating [illegible] for re-election.

[illegible] The month ended with extreme heat.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

A pleasant occasion.

16 Went to church in the afternoon [illegible]

[illegible] exchanged since he commenced preaching here, the first week in August

18 The first lecture of the M. E. [illegible]

[illegible] South [illegible] subject "[illegible]"

[illegible]

Oct. 21 The October meeting of the Committee [illegible] was held the [illegible] was present. The principal business [illegible] directly or indirectly the [illegible] of the [illegible] of the [illegible] appears to be [illegible] opposed to the admission of female physicians, although the question was not voted upon directly.

23 Sharon M. A. M. — Rev. [illegible] of [illegible] Plains preached from Hosea XI, [illegible] When Israel was a child, then I loved him and called my son out of Egypt.
Some account of Egypt and of the [illegible] of the Nile was given. The [illegible] and material things of Egypt had an important influence upon Israel. [illegible] the people of God should be benefitted [illegible] all that is good in the land [illegible] live as the people of Israel were benefitted [illegible] all that was good in the land of Egypt. [illegible] a place of refuge — a place of [illegible] raising the nomadic tribes of [illegible] to a condition in which they were able to [illegible] a great nation.
When the people of Israel were becoming [illegible] the wickedness of the land God called them out of it for a more important life in the land of Canaan

[illegible]
out the world, [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible].
Afternoon. 1 Samuel III-18
"It is the Lord: let him do what seem
[illegible] him good".
A sermon upon prayer [illegible]
submission to accomplished [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. A rationwiew was taken of
labor and prayer.
1.26 Attended the Exhibition of the New
England Institute Fair in Boston.
The [illegible] under which the Exhibition
is conducted appears to be an offshoot
or has grown out from the old charitable
[illegible] association which also at the
present time is [illegible] an exhibition in
another building, its usual triennial ex-
hibition.
The Fair which I attended shows [illegible]
the trades and manufactures in operation
for example, the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
1.7 Rev. L. B. Bates of East Boston [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The first [illegible] was [illegible] of
2, Industry, 3, patience, 4th [illegible]
5th courage, 6th watchfulness, 7th
honor, and 8th Faith in our [illegible]
The subject was treated in an entertaining
manner. It is a subject regret that a [illegible]
number were not present [illegible]

Oct. 28 Visited friends in Hamilton
went through Ipswich and [illegible]
[illegible] church. A.M. Mr Tompkins [illegible]
from Ps. XXVII – 4.
An argument for church [illegible]
P.M. Post. Matt V. 7. Blessed are the
peacemakers for they shall be called the children
of God.
Evening – Lecture at the church by [illegible]
upon – The men we Love. [illegible]
characteristics that go to make up the [illegible]
man.

Nov 2 In Boston, purchased some books for the [illegible]
[illegible] library. – Attended the [illegible]
[illegible] of the Historic Genealogical [illegible]
W. Stone of Providence, formerly of Upper [illegible]
whom I once heard preach in our school
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
some remarks by several members.
The French guests [illegible] in Boston in
the forenoon. They were [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 3 [illegible] Collyer, son of a Methodist [illegible]
[illegible]
save the third lecture in the M. S. Society
course, upon "Whom shall we crown".
[illegible] at length [illegible]
that the successful warrior was not the hero
to be crowned, — but the person who exhibited
[illegible] heart rather.

" 6 Attended patients. was not able to attend church.

" 8 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Potter for representative to the General Court, the republican candidate, supposing that he was prohibition in principle. Benj. Poole was the Democratic candidate. [illegible] in the evening indicate the election [illegible]
[illegible]
Jesse [illegible] house in Middleton was burnt last night after [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] shimmer.

" 9 [illegible] Betsey's birthday. She is 81.

" 13 [illegible]
[illegible] had reference
[illegible]
sufficient alliance in every temptation.

[illegible] subject of respect and [illegible] rulers.

Nov. 20 [illegible] in afternoon [illegible] was upon Fear as in [illegible] [illegible] Text, [illegible] XII-4 [illegible]

" 22 The last entertainment [illegible] course was "Aunt Polly Carrett's [illegible] School" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] School.

" 24 Thanksgiving. Rode to Hamilton [illegible] dinner with Aunts at the [illegible]

" 27 Evening — Mr Thompkins [illegible] Adam, — his original [illegible] creator, — his fall, — the effects [illegible] upon the human [illegible], — [illegible] means of their restoration —

" 28 [illegible] Mr David [illegible] [illegible] health [illegible] [illegible] confined to [illegible].

[illegible] 77 [illegible]

Dec. 4 [illegible]

" 7 [illegible] [illegible] upon distinguished Lafayettes, [illegible] the history of the prominent ancestors of our Lafayette.

[illegible] Irving's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible] man, one of our oldest citizens. Stricken with paralysis, the left side totally paralyzed.

[illegible] 21 Went to Boston. Attended to items of business. Looked into the bookstores, purchased a few books.

" 22. Jacob A. Towne died in the evening from organic disease of the heart. [illegible] of the heart — attended with a feeble pulse and a feeling of exhaustion. He has been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] weeks.

" 24 [illegible] Received as a present a superb buffalo robe [illegible].

" 25 Went to the funeral of Mr Towne. The widow and ten children were present. Five boys and five girls. [illegible] reading of the scriptures, prayer, remarks, and singing.

In the evening [illegible] lecture upon [illegible].

" [illegible] [illegible] The "play" was "Better than gold".

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Dec. 31 A peculiar - cloud covering this morning [illegible] leaving some [illegible] not [illegible] hoof in the ground - it is reported that there is foot and mouth disease [illegible] but a new letter has fallen this season [illegible] not taken out sheep.

" 31 A pleasant day

1882

Jan. 1 Sunday, the Conference [illegible]

Isaiah XL. VIII. 10

[illegible]

[illegible] the text suggested the [illegible] from their contributes [illegible]

Afternoon, text - Acts. II. [illegible]

[illegible] are full of new [illegible]

The arguments brought against revivals [illegible] and considered.

[illegible]

" 6 [illegible] Christ" by Thomas [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] then -17. [illegible]
in the [illegible] -17. [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Oct. 3 The "Odd Fellows" are holding a fair at the Town hall. This present a short time the evening.

" 8 Went to Boston, made purchases of books and articles of professional needs.

" 23 Went to Boston. Made purchases.

" 28 A "reading" at Wesley Hall of selections from Shakespeare and other authors by two young ladies from Boston. Quite good.

" " 3 [illegible] Winnie by the children present and others.

" 4 At [illegible] Lamson's. Mrs Adelaide Lamson Smith confined.

5 Visited Patients.

" 6 Thos. Chowdel's son born in this house.

Mar. 6 This [illegible] in the [illegible] is [illegible]

" 7 [illegible] part of the session.
[illegible] S. D. Hood, [illegible]

" 8 [illegible]

" 9 An Agricultural meeting was held at the town hall. Was not able to attend.

" 11 Hear the notes of the Black-bird.

" 12 Visited patients bad travelling.

" 13 The robin appears.

" 31 Was not able to attend the [illegible] meeting the day it was held, [illegible] of attending Willard Lowell who [illegible] with [illegible] He had not been well for 2 or 3 weeks, suffering [illegible] symptoms.
Understood that the meeting [illegible] the [illegible] Thompson [illegible] his [illegible].

Apr. 5 Was in Boston — Made purchases —
Also had a [illegible] profile.
He cut it in paper with scissors — and exhibited, as I thought, [illegible] skill.

" 31 The last two months have been [illegible] have been [illegible] but practice. [illegible] type.

[illegible]

[illegible] the seal used in the [illegible] which came into the [illegible] from a relative [illegible] the [illegible].

A brilliant comet in the South [illegible] [illegible] fortune [illegible] the church proceeds to go for the [illegible] for the church.

[illegible] Hebrides [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible].

11 President Arthur is received in [illegible] [illegible] honor.

[illegible] at Mushfield the [illegible] of the birth of Dan'l Webster. [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] Dedication of Soldiers Monument in [illegible]

15 Attended meetings, P. M.

18 Reading Speech of [illegible] [illegible]

22 [illegible] death of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] people in the christian church. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Speech of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] at the close of the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] photograph, of the prime [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] snow last night [illegible]

[illegible]

Thanksgiving. Went to Hamilton [illegible]

[illegible] Guests. [illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible] Sufficient snow [illegible]

[illegible] day. Cold. Mr Thompkins [illegible]

[illegible] in the forenoon. Upon [illegible]

afternoon.

[illegible] Take wheels.

[illegible] of Venus. Cloud [illegible]

[illegible] the spy-glass and [illegible]

[illegible] of the old [illegible]

[illegible] the first of the planet [illegible]

[illegible] south [illegible]

[illegible] when it was [illegible]

[illegible] The clouds then [illegible]

the sun that [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] a successful [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] as projected upon [illegible]
[illegible] plainly to be [illegible].
[illegible] contact [illegible]
[illegible], the path [illegible]
[illegible] on the western border [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] a new overcoat [illegible]
[illegible] business.
[illegible] mild and cloudy. [illegible]
[illegible] changing to snow, in [illegible]
[illegible] as well as rain and [illegible]
[illegible] snow.
[illegible] at the Observatory [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and throughout [illegible]

Successful work also at [illegible]

Haven, Hartford (German). Philadelphia [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] [illegible]

at Dartmouth College!

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] from [illegible]

[illegible] topic suggested by the [illegible]

table, was that all the distinguished [illegible]

[illegible] alike were united [illegible]

[illegible] character [illegible]

a humble individual — that [illegible]

in the [illegible] as well as the good [illegible]

[illegible] but [illegible]

Snow.

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible] said to have been in the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in Rexford. Patient [illegible]
[illegible] The bone would [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] readily reduced [illegible]
[illegible] Visited patients whom [illegible]
[illegible] to see yesterday.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in "Logic and Life" [illegible]
[illegible] A [illegible] sermons, [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] sickness [illegible]
[illegible] healthful. [illegible]
[illegible] of this town [illegible]
[illegible] Jan. 4th, and [illegible]
[illegible] and memory [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to little matters of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Thompkins preached Jan 7th
[illegible] that the week of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] preached on the 14th [illegible]
[illegible] XXI [illegible]
Jan. 28th [illegible]
There has been [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The Rev. David G. Hawkins D.D. [illegible]
[illegible] the Master of King [illegible]
the Colony of Mass. Bay. [illegible]

Among the gifts to the [illegible]
last month was the History [illegible]
N.H. by Rev. M. T. Runnels [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Hall has had desks [illegible]
a school - and the room [illegible]
accommodation of [illegible]

[illegible] Perley, of [illegible]
[illegible] sufficient [illegible]
a school to-day [illegible]
[illegible] as well as [illegible]

[illegible]

15 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] remains lay in the [illegible]
from 1 until 2 o'clock, [illegible]
to the public. Upon the [illegible]
the casket was closed finally [illegible]
[illegible] the Bearers, [illegible]
[illegible], H. S. Peabody and [illegible]
placed upon the table in front [illegible]
while the procession of mourners [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] exercises at one [illegible]
[illegible] presided at the organ. [illegible]
[illegible] in number were from abroad. [illegible]
Thompkins read [illegible]
[illegible] of Boxford, Mr Geo. [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible] field, [illegible]
and Mr Thompkins [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Mr Thompkins [illegible]
[illegible] from 11 [illegible]
[illegible] the Pen. & Gal. [illegible]
[illegible]

Poor sleighing — take wheels.
[illegible] to Hamilton — saw friends. [illegible] are
quite well considering their great age.
" 4 Mr Thompkins preached A.M. from the text "A good
name is rather to be chosen than great riches."
P. M. Gal. IV. 16. Am I therefore become your [illegible]
because I tell you the truth.
Two able sermons — Mr Thompkins formal
labors with this people close to day.
The [illegible] meetings are held still, several
[illegible] on the walk. About 26 persons are
said to be candidates for [illegible]
to the church.
Mr Thompkins goes to Claremont N. H.

1883
Mar. 5 Annual town meeting with H. H.
Moderator – B. P. Pike
Clerk. – John H. Gould
Among other acts of the meeting it was
voted to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible]
the rest to be disposed of [illegible] thought [illegible]
for the advantage of the town
Voted not to license the sale of intoxicating [illegible]
The question of female suffrage [illegible]
Voted to appropriate $75 for [illegible]
C. J. P. Floyd shown claimed [illegible]
Voted to pass over the article to establish a high school
Voted to appropriate $50 to [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]
near its eastern end.
The most of these votes were passed in the forenoon
Reports of town officers and committees were heard
for the most part or altogether in the forenoon.
P. M. officers were elected.
Selectmen. S. D. Hood, B. P. Pike, John H. Towne
Constables. Henry W. Lake, Richard [illegible]
Assessors. S. D. Hood, B. P. Adams, John H. Towne
Overseers. H. H. Potter, I. M. Woodbury, Geo. F. [illegible]
School Comm. Humphrey Balch, D. Sidney [illegible]
Treasurer. John H. Gould.
Collector. [illegible] Ferguson for [illegible]
Library Com. J. B. Scott, Chas. Hearack, [illegible]
[illegible] years, one for four years to fill the
unexpired term of McMeloud, [illegible].

It was voted to appropriate $75. for the library for the purchase of books, in consid[illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] who have been [illegible] [illegible] and assistant librarians, and of Saml. Dodge, asst. librarian, to gratuitously act in the same capacity the coming [illegible]

[illegible] also voted that the Library Com. purchase an encyclopaedia out of the appropriation.

[illegible] 6 A Snow storm.

[illegible] Weight - Went to Boston. Rev C. C. [illegible] read an essay upon Windsor, Vt.

Made purchases of books for the Town Library.

8 Cold.

9 Very Cold morning.

10 Rain.

11 Sunday - Rev. Will. C. Wood, formerly [illegible] preached in the forenoon upon [illegible]. In the afternoon thought upon the efficacy of prayer was suggested from 1 Samuel XXIII. 13.14 and the context. [illegible]

" 15 Mild. Bluebirds appear.

" 16. 17 Cold. High wind.

" 21 Went to Boston.

[illegible] 17 [illegible] Meeting at 2 P.M. [illegible]

Apr. 17 [illegible] opened [illegible] reading room. It is designed to continue the plan [illegible]

19 [illegible] that [illegible] informal meeting (Church) [illegible] to confer upon

the subject of [illegible]
presumably Mr Dyer who has presented
a candidate.

Apr 24 The meeting of the 18th [illegible]
tended. They met again [illegible]
[illegible] that they [illegible]
[illegible] of Mr Dyer.

" 31 Has been a cold month. very chilly [illegible]
A widespread epidemic of influenza.

The pulpit has been supplied [illegible]
by candidates for settlement.

May 2 Auction of personal property by the [illegible]
of the late Benj. P. Adams. The [illegible]
sold the old stand to J. [illegible]
said to be for $4000.

" 15 Band concert at the town hall by the
Haverhill band. [illegible]
leader. The proceeds to be given to
the town library — A very good per-
formance.

" 16 Cherry trees begin [illegible] to blossom.
" 17 David E. Davis [illegible] [illegible]
taken [illegible] the 18th. [illegible]
about 64. Was probably [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] to appropriate $75 [illegible]

[illegible]

P. Floyd was chosen chairman to carry out the programme of the observance.

A procession was formed early in the morning with the Topsfield Band, which marched to the south cemetery where the [illegible] of soldiers interred there were decorated with flowers. At the Treadwell Place the procession [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] through [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the soldiers graves were likewise decorated. Thence to the Town Hall where were public exercises — Mr Floyd presided. Mr Hurd led a chorus of voices in singing.

Rev. Mr. Sanger of Danvers gave a good address. [illegible]

Rev. Mr Martin of Topsfield, of M. E. church, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Hall after the public exercises. [illegible] [illegible] noon.

Apple tree in blossom.

[illegible]

June 2 [illegible]
Mr Fitts [illegible]
[illegible]
logistic [illegible]
[illegible] Fitts.
Was singing by [illegible]

[illegible]
At the Annual Parish meeting [illegible]
[illegible]
to reduce the debt of the Parish.

" 5. Sunday. Mr Hughson, an [illegible]
[illegible] preached.

" 6 Wednesday - Attended meeting of the Historic
Genealogical Society. Rev Wm. Barrett [illegible]
of Reading, read an elaborate [illegible]
Daniel Webster, and the [illegible]

" 7 Showers. Warm weather.

" 8 Pleasant

" 10 [illegible]
[illegible] at M. E. Church, in the [illegible]

11 [illegible]

12 [illegible]
at Boston - At the [illegible] Hospital [illegible]
amputations of the [illegible]

13 Annual meeting of the Social [illegible]
[illegible] discourse at the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] supposed.

" 17 [illegible] committee consider favorably [illegible] the P.W.M. & P.W. [illegible]

[illegible] Hamilton.

[illegible] Heathrow preached.

Jul 1. Sunday. Was at church P.M. The preacher was [illegible] Phillips.

2 Monday. Went to Hamilton to consult with Dr Thayer in the case of Mrs. Wm K. Patch [illegible]

[illegible] patients. very warm weather [illegible]

[illegible]

" 11 [illegible] to Boston.

" 15 Sunday. Rev. Gilbert E. Beckett preached [illegible] P.M.

[illegible] Heathrow preached. Heard him P.M.

24 Went to Boston.

[illegible] Institute medicine Lincoln. Did not attend

" [illegible] Visited patients.

[illegible] project of [illegible] Dr Rev failed — [illegible] made more satisfactory arrangement [illegible] place.

[illegible] 15. [illegible]
" 17 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
" 26 Sunday. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] locomotive engineer.
Mr Crawford preached. [illegible]
" 27 Monday Slight frost
" 28 Frost. Tender plants injured

Sept. 3 C. J. P. Floyd sick. Has retention of [illegible]
[illegible]
prostatic catheter of a peculiar [illegible]
was to be left in the bladder.
" 4 Catheter removed at midnight.
" 5 At the monthly meeting of the W. C. H. [illegible]
the Rev. Mr Marvin read an [illegible]
town histories should be written.
" 7 Heard Mr Crawford [illegible]
he spoke without notes. The [illegible]
discourse suggested [illegible]
his manner was familiar, [illegible]
the subject interesting.
A [illegible] was [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] meeting on [illegible]
[illegible] will [illegible]

[illegible] ford

[illegible]

[illegible] week.

[illegible] 4, [illegible]

[illegible] Sedid

[illegible] the question [illegible]

[illegible] discussed. [illegible]

[illegible] under [illegible] the church [illegible]

[illegible] call. Ayes, 14. [illegible]

[illegible] not [illegible].

[illegible] said to have voted unan-

imously, (23 [illegible]tes,) in favor of [illegible] C.

[illegible] $1000, [illegible]

[illegible] Towne [illegible]

[illegible] of his sister, [illegible]

in which she bequeathes $200 [illegible]

[illegible] the support of [illegible]

[illegible] only to be used.

[illegible] Patients — [illegible]

[illegible] William Perkins, who was [illegible]

[illegible] the summer vacation [illegible]

[illegible] bridge.

[illegible] — [illegible] Hazen [illegible]

[illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] Sept. Wash. IV. 6.

[illegible]

[illegible] 27th

[illegible]

Sept. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

on the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] satisfied.

" 27 Installation of the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] represented [illegible]

as follows; viz.

Church in Braintree by Rev. J. A. Emerson, Pastor [illegible]

1st " Boxford by [illegible] J. K. [illegible]

1st " Danvers by Rev. Chas. B. Rice, Pastor

" Danvers Maple St. [illegible]

" Georgetown, Memorial by Rev. [illegible] Pastor [illegible]

" Ipswich, South by Rev. Mr. Waters, Pastor [illegible]

" [illegible] by [illegible]

" [illegible] by [illegible]

" [illegible] by Rev. [illegible]

" [illegible] by Rev. [illegible]

" [illegible] by Rev. J. H. [illegible]

[illegible]

and the Rev. Mr. Coggin of Boxford [illegible]

The Pastor elect [illegible]

[illegible] After which the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. [illegible]

conducted the examination of the candidate [illegible]

his views of doctrine and [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible] the Council [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the morning session, [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible], the [illegible] the Introductory prayer by Rev. D. D. [illegible] by Rev. T. A. [illegible], of [illegible] [illegible] of the Pastor.

[illegible] prayer by Rev. Dr Crawford of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] prayer by Rev. J. H. [illegible] of [illegible] music the home choir was assisted by [illegible] of Ipswich and by [illegible]

[illegible] the exercises with [illegible] [illegible] interesting.

[illegible] Boston. Purchased books for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the mo[illegible]

" 30 [illegible] patents.

Oct. 2 Sunday. Rain in the afternoon began to rain in the afternoon. A social meeting was held at the [illegible] according to appointment, to be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Oct. 3. [illegible]
[illegible] N.H. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the Age and times of [illegible]
the progenitor of the [illegible]

" 5th The old Gould house, on the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] demolished. It has been [illegible]
for the last year or two.

" 7 Attended church P.M. — Rev [illegible]
acting pastor of the church in [illegible]
[illegible] upon the [illegible]

" 19 Visited the Foreign Exhibition in Boston
Much to be seen and learned. [illegible]
to spend more time there.

" 25 Mr Chardon Speaker of the [illegible]
spoke in the town hall [illegible]

Nov 3 Went to Hamilton.

" 4 Rev Dr Crawford, [illegible] of the [illegible]
at the communion [illegible]

" 6 [illegible]
Butler about 90. — Do not know that [illegible]
for Almy, the Prohibitory candidate [illegible]
to be obtained in town.

" 7 Robinson has about 160,000 votes in the Met.
Butler about 150,000.

Attended meeting of [illegible] H. J. Gay — Rev W. Barnes [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] 11. [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] 400 [illegible] [illegible]

" 18 [illegible] Time pieces [illegible] [illegible] Bad [illegible] time —

[illegible] 1 [illegible] to Boston — Purchased [illegible] for the [illegible] library.

[illegible] P. M. — Rev C. B. Price preached

[illegible] Thanksgiving with [illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible] 2. [illegible] P. M. — [illegible] Crawford preached [illegible] XVII [illegible]

" 3 [illegible] Boston — Rev. [illegible] [illegible] read [illegible] from the [illegible] H. [illegible] upon this subject [illegible] the written [illegible] [illegible]

" 11 [illegible]

" 17 [illegible]

" 21 [illegible] 14 below zero. Thermometers varied [illegible] [illegible] morning [illegible] 18 below. [illegible] 16½ below. [illegible] 20 below, [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] In the village the [illegible] [illegible]

" 24 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

" 26 Attended the funeral [illegible]
Kimball, at 2 P.M. — Rev. Mr [illegible]
[illegible] list of Danvers. Read [illegible]
Rev. Mr Crawford then followed [illegible]
Mr Sanger then made an [illegible]
the mourners — prayed and [illegible]
benediction. The services [illegible]

" 30 Visited patients.

Dec. 27th there was an ordination or installation at Boxford. Rev. Mr Kendall was settled over the church and people at East Boxford. I did not attend the services.

In the evening there was thunder and lightning.

Jan. 2 Went to Boston — Was present a portion of the [illegible] Wilder, the president, presided and gave the usual annual address.

" 6 Went to Boston — Purchased Apls Splints.

" 11 Went to Boston

" 29 Went to Glasgow. Visited my brother. [illegible] and was seriously hurt in the side. Is now getting about again.

Feb. 5 Attended Meeting of the Essex South Med-society at Salem in the evening. Meeting [illegible] a case of Spinal disease was reported and an illustrated essay upon Plaster of [illegible].

" 9 Went to Boston —

Dec. 30 Will transfer a few memoranda to these pages.

Feb. 26. Sleighing. Light snow.

" 27 Sleighing

" 28 Went to Boxford in cars. Snow

" 29 Clear — cold — high wind — deep snow.

Mar. 2. Sun. Visited patients

" 3. Town Meeting. — A. S. [illegible] fell [illegible] died on the Common.

" 7 Snow.

1884

[illegible] March 8. [illegible]

" 7 [illegible]

[illegible]

" 11 [illegible]

" 12. [illegible]

suddenly. [illegible]

" 13. Inspected the remains of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the Andover.

" 16. [illegible]

Wheels - Pleasant.

" 17 [illegible]

belonging to Mr Ryder burnt in

the evening.

" 18 Attended the meeting of the Essex

North [illegible] South [illegible]

Societies at the Danvers [illegible]

Doct. Stedman, the acting Supt.

read an essay upon the [illegible]

[illegible]

cases illustrative, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

" 19 Snow. P.M.

" 23. Alonzo Bradstreet died, [illegible] 11

— Attended Church P.M.

" 25 Funeral of Alonzo Bradstreet

[illegible] Received news of the death of Mrs Francis R. Edwards and Polk's Concert.

[illegible]

[illegible]

F. Stiles, E. E. Ferguson, E. P. Merrill and John H. Dodge, elected Parish Com. E. S. Clifford and Ch. J. Peabody elected Trustees of the Bixby Dorchester Farm Fund and other Funds of the Parish to take the respective places of S. S. Peabody [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Snow Storm, — Cold

[illegible] N. E. Snow Storm

Annual Fast. Snow & rain

Sun. Attended meeting in the evening

Sun. Visited patients

Parish Meeting. Storm

Panorama of route from San Francisco to N. York.

Next to Boston. Took a box in the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company. E. P. Bond. Manager. Fee $10, annually — Pass. University. Deposited Parish Securities there

June 6. [illegible]
" 10 [illegible]
11. [illegible]
[illegible]
the Holmes house for a [illegible]
" 18. Sun. No preaching at Congl. [illegible]
" 23. Met Dr Kimble in the [illegible]
Mrs Nathl. L. Hoss. [illegible]
" 25 Apple trees blossoming [illegible]
" 28 Apple trees in blossom. [illegible]
" 29 Cold. Frost reported.
" 30 Cold. Frost reported. Decorat[illegible]

June 1. Sun. Visited patients.
" 3 Parish Meeting - Voted to dispense
with the afternoon [illegible]
Church during July and August
" 4. Attended the monthly meeting [illegible]
N. E. H. Genealogical Society
" 7. Went to Hamilton
" 8. Sun. Visited patients
" 10. Boston - Attended the [illegible]
(first day) of the [illegible]
[illegible]
11. Anniversary meeting (second day)
[illegible] discourse by Dr [illegible]
[illegible]. Dinner at one Pull.
" 15 Mr Briggs of Finebook preached [illegible]
the [illegible]

1834 June. 17. Strawberry festival. Gotten up in the interest of a [illegible] school at Wilmington, N. C. Mr Jas. J. H. [illegible] spoke and read an essay. Rev. Jas. H. Pitts was also present and took part in the exercises.

18. [illegible] of the [illegible] tute held here in Springfield where the first meeting was held in 1834. Dea. Towler of [illegible] was present and dressed the meeting. Think he is the only survivor of the number that [illegible] the turnpike 50 years.

19. Went to Church. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 10. [illegible] engaged visiting a patient and did not observe the event.

[illegible] Went to Hamilton. Frank sick. [illegible]

Sept. 23. Bought horse Billy. [illegible]

1884 [illegible] the [illegible]
$250.

Sept. 17. Was weighed. Wt. 17[illegible] lbs.

Oct. 3. Visited the [illegible]
Wharf, Boston. The Missionary
[illegible]
[illegible] apple [illegible]
the foot of river hill, near the
turnpike.

" 12 West to Hamilton to see H. [illegible]
Allen, with a lame knee, sup-
posed to have been caused by a sprain
of a slight nature.

" 14. Republican [illegible]
reported to have been fixed upon
to recommend to the nominating
convention at Lynnfield.

" 20. West to Hamilton.

" 22 West to Hamilton.

" 23 West to Boston
John H. [illegible]
[illegible]
by the Convention at Lynnfield.

" 24. West to Hamilton.

" 26. West to Hamilton
West to meeting in the [illegible]

1884 Nov. 1. Went to Hamilton. Hattie had [illegible] abscess [illegible] the left side [illegible] which had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] well.

Nov. 4. Voted for St. John. Near there were 7 votes cast for the Prohibition [illegible].

[illegible] Went to Meeting, afternoon and evening [illegible].

" 11. Attended meeting of the Essex South Medical Society at the Essex House Salem. An essay was read by Dr. D. Choate & other exercises. Dr. Charles D. Homans, President of the parent society was [illegible] addressed the meeting. A collation was served.

" 23 Went to Meeting afternoon and evening.

" 24 Went to Boston

Dec. 18. Missionary entertainment at Town Hall.

" 19. Thermometer not much above zero, if any, at noon.

" [illegible] Ther. — 14. Some glasses were reported lower. Ther. — 10.

" 21. Snow. Wet & night, rain.

" 22 Ground bare.

1884 Christmas [illegible] Christmas [illegible]
the Const. Church. [illegible]
of a rubber [illegible] coat. [illegible]

„25. Christmas.
Was called to see [illegible]
[illegible]
Saturday night. Had chills & [illegible]
tration of strength. Followed by
cough and expectoration of [illegible]
[illegible] matter. [illegible]
on Monday.
Travelled in sleigh.

„27. Saw Aunt Edwards again. [illegible]
[illegible]

„28 [illegible] patients [illegible]

„29 [illegible] Andrew [illegible]
83. [illegible]
[illegible] Pleuria.

„30. [illegible] at the
church. He was found dead in
his bed at "Willow Dale". [illegible]
he lived alone.

[illegible] to Hamilton [illegible]
Her pulmonary symptoms [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] weather [illegible]

This form of whooping cough has been prevalent during the autumn & winter thus far. Some adults as well as many children have been the subjects of the disease.

As my diary does not get regular entries, will try the general course & jot down items in a pocket book.

1885.
June 18. Attended the funeral of Aunt Abigail R. Edwards, at the church in Wenham Neck.
Aunt E. was taken sick last Friday morning with paralytic symptoms - right hemiplegia - and passed away at 4.20 o'clock Tuesday morning. She was for the most part uncon-scious during her sickness.
Prayers were held at her home in Hamilton at 8. A. M. by Mr Davis
Funeral services at the church at 9. Rev. Mr Gorham conducted the service which consisted of reading scripture remarks and prayer. The procession was then formed and we followed the remains to the cemetery in Dodges Row. where the interment took place in the lot of the Edwards family.
Aunt E.s age was 88 yrs. 10 mos. 20 dys.
I went directly from Topsfield to the church. After the interment stopped a few minutes at F. R. Edwards - saw Mrs Coggswell & son - Eveline - and Capt Hoyt - as well as the family - Then went on to Hamilton to see Aunt Betsy, who has been sick about 2½ weeks -
Found Aunt Betsy calm and rational

but feeble. She is utterly helpless as far as concerns her moving her body alone, her left side is very tender, like muscular rheumatism, and painful when being moved to change her position.

June 20 Again went to Hamilton. Aunt Betsy was losing strength. Had a trembling spell. Slept much afterward. Had several trembling spells when she was first taken sick and in the earlier days of her sickness. Takes very little nourishment. Can be moved with much less pain.

" 21 Eve. 7½ o'clock. Found Aunt B. failing. Pulse scarcely perceptible, extremities cold, is in a cold sweat. Rational, but not able always to recall the proper words to express her ideas. Pain of movement still less, or nearly gone. Restless. Likes to change her position often. Returned to Springfield at 9½.

" 22. Went to Hamilton P.M. Aunt Elizabeth died at 8.10 A.M. She continued restless and wakeful during the night, having her position changed often. Rational, excepting that the mind appeared clouded a few

minutes before the close.
A few records may be found on alone at note-book.

June 24 I Headed Aunt Betsy's funeral [illegible] at the house at 2 P.M. — Rev. Mr. [illegible] read selections from Scripture. Made remarks and prayer. The usual services at funerals in this community. (Mr. Davis had previously conversed with the deceased, June 11th when I was present. She made remarkable and uncommon expressions of Christian resignation.) The procession was then formed of the relatives, and a few other friends and proceeded to the cemetery at the village where a short service was read by Mr. Davis before the remains were deposited in the earth.

I came on directly to Topsfield. The old Place in Hamilton is left desolate.

1885
Feb. 23 [illegible] I was coming home in the
[illegible] the flag at [illegible]
on the flagstaff. I saw the reports for
[illegible] of the low condition of
Gen. Grant [illegible] that news of his death
had been [illegible]. He died at Mt. McGregor
N.Y. at 8, 8 A.M.
This event causes a universal and
deep feeling of regret & sorrow.
[illegible] Boston
Flags were at half-mast, public buildings
[illegible] in mourning - [illegible] business houses
[illegible]
[illegible] sorrow at the death [illegible]
[illegible]. A memorial [illegible]
held at the Congregational Church. [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] their vacations here, spoke well
[illegible] at length in eulogy of the [illegible]
character of Genl. Grant.

1886

Nov. 24 Have made several visits to my brother in Saugus this Fall. Made a record Dec. 1. 1885 in my clinical note book of a visit to him at that date. Have not at hand dates of visits in the Spring. Saw him July 27th. Up to about this time he was able to walk to the Post Office, I think, and return to the house upon the horse cars. Great weakness of the lower limbs - liable to fall and has fallen several times in the course of a year or more. Sept. 5th - he had not been out side the concrete walk for some days.

Sept 16. Saw my brother - Think it was this day that he walked alone into the parlor and return. with a rather feeble gait.

Oct. 11th - Went to Saugus. Smith could walk into parlor and back - into bath room. etc. Can but just dress himself with difficulty - mental powers weaker. Oct. 20th - Julia writes that he fails - cannot wash and dress himself without assistance - walks into the kitchen every day - some days into the parlor. Appetite not as good as formerly. Is taking quanine - sleeps better under the influence of bromide of potassium.

Oct 25. Went to Saugus. Smith is suffering from constipation. Is in bed - unable to be up. In the afternoon he was able to stand upon his feet. Has taken cathartic medicine. Dr Merrill of Paterson, N. J. is making them a visit with his wife. Their wives are sisters.

Nov 24. Galvanism will be tried and also strychnia
Nov 1. Pulse now regulated, walked into
the parlor with slight help. Could not
stand room alone. Been to his meals to-day.
He applied for a pension last Spring. which
is now awaiting the decision of the Department
in relation to it. It is a source of worryment
to him to be in a state of suspense, not
knowing whether the decision will be
favorable or otherwise. He made claim
on the ground of malaria and its results.
Among the symptoms given were, headaches,
weakness, (muscular) pains in the limbs, stag-
gering and uncertain gait. Dizziness and
loss of memory. His headaches were general,
and often every week or two or three weeks.
They started about three years ago, and
have not troubled him since.
Nov. 9. Saw my brother - He has been out of doors
twice since the 1st. - Gets about the house.
Takes a pill of calomel, strychnia and belladonna
also quinine.
He received news to-day that his pension was
allowed, on account of malarial disease and
secondary disease of the heart. Pension to
commence Dec. 24th 1886 - the date of his ap-
plication, at $30 dollars per month.
Nov 11. Saw my brother again. He has been
able to walk out on the concrete walk - two

1886
Nov. 24 day he went out twice. Can walk without his cane a little. A great improvement upon a month ago. When he could not walk at all. Thinks the galvanism [illegible] and strengthens the muscles.

July 15 Attended an evening service at the Congl. Church. Rev. Mr Rader of Middleton gave a discourse upon the relation of religion to politics. He touched [illegible] the saloon question. Rev. Mr Tappan responded in a few words.

" 17 A drought prevails – Grover haying time [illegible]

" 24 Dr. J. B. Hallett of Dartmouth [illegible]

" 25 A little [illegible], stopped [illegible] over night

" 26 Went to Saugus. My brother [illegible] chair and [illegible] from [illegible] table. [illegible] the afternoon while I was present.

" 29 Visited patients – Read Memoir of [illegible]

31 Postal from brother's [illegible]

Aug. 5 Saugus. Visited patients. Read [illegible]

" 6 Went to Saugus. Health [illegible] by illusions. Talked very little except [illegible] spoken to. [illegible] indistinct. Is got up twice a day [illegible]. Will sit up an hour or more.

" 11 [illegible] Stafford [illegible] Newburyport. [illegible] considerable [illegible]

" 12 [illegible]

" 14 [illegible] telegram that he was not as well.

" 15 Went to Saugus. My father [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] but little, [illegible] in the fore-
[illegible] before. [illegible] left at 11.20. Pulse 9[illegible] to 99.
[illegible] little, only liquids, [illegible]

Aug 16 A [illegible] representing him as a little more
[illegible] table.

9. P.M. A telegram that he is not as well
this afternoon.

" 17 Saw him — Had a sinking spell yesterday, pulse
went up to 117. After several hours improved.
To-day pulse, A.M. 100 to 104. Knew me. Recog-
nized Mary when she came at 11. A.M. and
[illegible] her by name —

18 A.M. — Again went to Saugus. Smith is more
inclined to stupor than on previous days
[illegible] not [illegible] up [illegible] little
Think he knew when sufficiently aroused.
P. 110 to 114. [illegible]
to-day.

20 Monday. Again to Saugus. [illegible] aroused some-
[illegible] from the stupor [illegible] sufficient [illegible]
[illegible] little [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] day [illegible]
[illegible] that he knew me. Did not speak.
Returned home at 11.20 A.M.

" 21 Learned by portal that he took some [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] A.M. [illegible]
[illegible]

Aug. 22 [illegible] at [illegible] 15. [illegible]
sinking. He breathed his last at 9.[illegible] A.M.
Was [illegible] since last night. [illegible]
away easily [illegible] suffering, [illegible]
[illegible] of a very protracted sickness.

" 24 Funeral services were observed at [illegible]
residence at 10.[illegible] A.M. Rev. [illegible]
of the [illegible] Church, read selections from the
Scriptures, made remarks and prayed.
Procession with the remains started about
[illegible] for the central R. Road Station [illegible]
took train for Hamilton, next carriages
for the cemetery. Rev. Temple [illegible]
[illegible] offered prayer at the grave.

Sept 2 Rev. [illegible] preached [illegible] from Acts 11. [illegible]
using the new version.
Some months ago last year [illegible]
[illegible] congregation [illegible]
[illegible] by votes, to substitute the
new version in the pulpit, which has
been done.

" 6 General post.
G. A. [illegible], a fish peddler, of Ipswich, killed
[illegible]

[illegible] 6 [illegible] thrown against [illegible] pole. The left [illegible] limb with a part of the pelvic bones, was [illegible] severed from the body. The [illegible] from the [illegible] wound. The man was driving across the Rail Road track. The horse [illegible] over the track and escaped. The 1-20 P.M. [illegible]

" 7 [illegible] front. [illegible] and other tender plants largely destroyed. Corn slightly touched.

[illegible] patients [illegible] that [illegible] by the [illegible] England.

" 11 Attended the [illegible] Harriet A. Carlton. — Conducted by [illegible] Butler of Georgetown.

" [illegible] Salem to court [illegible] case of a creditor against the estate of the late C. H. Holmes. The case settled with-[illegible]

Wm. B. Kimball buried with Masonic [illegible] Rev. [illegible] Fielder [illegible] of [illegible], and Butler of Georgetown, took part in the [illegible] cases — Could not [illegible] attend.

Sept. 30 [illegible] from [illegible] from [illegible] 2 5, [illegible] was taken [illegible] that [illegible] vicinity does not consist in creed, as [illegible] of theology, but that it is [illegible] [illegible]

P.M. Mr Kenrick, [illegible] from Ps. XIX. 1-3 - to prove the existence of God from the works of nature - [illegible] the products of the [illegible] [illegible] into the church.

6.45 P.M. - Mr Thompkins spoke at [illegible] the usual [illegible] prayer meeting. [illegible] large audiences -

7.30 P.M. - Harvest S. School concert at [illegible] A very full house.

Oct. 2 At County and Councillor Exhibition Convention at Peabody.

[illegible] Convention [illegible] [illegible]

" 3 [illegible] at Boylston Place, Boston

" 7 Mr Thompkins again occupied the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are reconciled to him.

[illegible] Mrs [illegible] for faith. [illegible] subject, as [illegible] that [illegible] be effected [illegible] accompanied and [illegible] by a [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] enjoyed there, in the destiny of [illegible] ago.

[illegible]

[illegible] Rev. Mr. Luck preached extempore from the words; Let us not be weary in well doing, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to Boston forenoon. Called at the [illegible] Association.

P. M. Prohibition Convention of the 7th district [illegible] a candidate for representative [illegible]

[illegible] of the four towns were represented at the convention. Wellington Donaldson was nominated.

[illegible] the Christian race, from Phil. III. 13, 14

[illegible]

Oct. 21 [illegible]
" 22 Hon. [illegible], member of Congress for [illegible] district, and candidate for re-election, [illegible] at the town hall [illegible] the [illegible] question of the parties.

Finished reading the "Memoir of [illegible] [illegible]" [illegible] day.

" 23 Visited my sister at Saugus.
Attended quarterly meeting of [illegible] [illegible] in Salem, P. M. — [illegible] present and addressed [illegible].
[illegible] Roads, [illegible] McDonnell (?) of Boston [illegible] at the town hall upon the [illegible] [illegible].

" 24 McKurrick preached at the [illegible] measurement against the [illegible] the time of a second future [illegible].

Nov. 5 [illegible] Salem Hospital — [illegible]

" 6 Voted the Prohibition ticket

" 7 [illegible] elected
John W. Harding D.D. of Longmeadow read an interesting essay before the [illegible] Society, upon a comparative view of [illegible] the Conn. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the 6th [illegible] which [illegible] the road like [illegible] [illegible] looked out [illegible] [illegible] saw nothing. It appeared to [illegible] [illegible] The sky was half [illegible] cloudy. Most likely it was [illegible] meteor.

[illegible] patients

[illegible] [illegible] the treatment of [illegible] [illegible] sublimate in the form of [illegible] [illegible] atomizer, and [illegible] solution [illegible] considered. A solution of [illegible] [illegible] was used with atomizer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to 100 gr. every [illegible] [illegible] to take. Also to apply with [illegible] [illegible] impracticable.

[illegible] use of "tritinate" [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] of Boston was a guest of [illegible]

[illegible]

8 [illegible]

" 26 Dr. Baker, a [illegible]
[illegible]
a view to settle [illegible] in medical [illegible]

" 27 A violent storm of three days [illegible]

" 29 Spent Thanksgiving [illegible]
old place — A rainy day

Dec 2 [illegible] preached from Matt X [illegible]
[illegible] book [illegible]
version.
Mr [illegible] spoke from the text [illegible]
[illegible] within you [illegible]
is spiritual and within.
Eve. — C. J. Peabody, Supt. [illegible] — spoke
of Japan, an historical view, — [illegible]
followed.

" 5 Attended meeting of the [illegible]
Benj. Band Ph. D., read an interest[illegible]
[illegible] the comparative emigration [illegible]
Scotia from New England [illegible]
ans and post-revolutionary emigration.

" 12 Miss [illegible] Dax, agent [illegible]
Commission, who has been a teacher in [illegible]
Idaho, and in New Mexico, [illegible]
esting account of her work and of the work
of the Commission, at the [illegible]

" 16 Finished reading memoir of Hadley Tyler.
[illegible]

[illegible] Revenue, died at his [illegible] [illegible] in Boston [illegible] his 10th [illegible] [illegible] Nov. 9. 1799.

1887

Sept. 25. Was present a part of the [illegible] in Tremont Temple at a meeting of the old Abolitionists on the occasion of the [illegible] of the [illegible] of the Emancipation Proclamation. Many old time anti-slavery men and women were present. Speeches and [illegible] were indulged in. The movement was in the interest of a projected Memorial Hall in memory of Wendell Phillips.

" 26 Attended conventions of the third Essex Senatorial District and of the Essex Ethnology, at Salem. There was an increased interest manifested as shown in the numbers present and in the enthusiasm of the members.

" 27 Temperance meeting at the M. E. Church gotten up by the Lodge of Good Templars in the prime movers. Declamations by children reading music, speeches by the Whittemore Grand Chief Templar [illegible] Lack.

Oct. 7 Dr. G. M. Randall came to confer in relation to settling [illegible] in the practice of Medicine, [illegible] with him and with his [illegible]

[illegible] Thursday Nov. 14th
[illegible] that we enter a partnership

" 16 Attended the Bay State Fair at Boston.

1890

Feb. [illegible] Attended church. Rev. Mr. Fuck preached from Gal. VI. 15, "a new creature."
1. Were considered the tokens of a new spiritual creation.
2. The source of the change, and
3. How can it be obtained. By taking it.
Evening. — Prayer and conference meeting conducted by Mr. Fuck.

[illegible] for the time, this winter. Have been very busy since Dr. Rendall came, Oct 15th. The unusual [illegible] [illegible] three weeks [illegible] the busiest season [illegible] about two weeks from [illegible] Feb.)
Propose to make [illegible] in the future.

Mar. 9 Mr. Fuck preached from Hebrews 11. 24-27. "upon Moses as illustrating the act of faith." Since Mr. Fuck came here it has been the custom to have only one sermon.

1890

Jan. 7 Will enter a few dates since Oct 11

Oct. 18, was in Boston

Nov. 6 Was in Boston

" 26 - Went on board the [illegible] in Boston harbor an immense ship. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] making up the "Squadron of Evolution". [illegible] days afterward the squadron sailed to Boston. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Nov. 29. Visited with Dr T. L. Perkins his private gynecological hospital in Federal St. Salem

Dec. 6. Visited my sister in East Saugus.

" 24 Was in Boston

Jan. 1. 1890 Attended the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] W. T. R. S. [illegible] in Boston [illegible] [illegible] the usual annual address.

Jan. 21. Marriage of Rev. Mr. Haven & Susan C. Gould.

Feb. 1 Went to Boston.

" 5 "

Mar. 2. [illegible] meeting, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] noon. Hear that the vote on the question of license stood about. yes. 17. No. 44

A committee of three J. R. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & Horace Ray, were chosen to see that the liquor laws be enforced - An appropriation of [illegible] was made for the purpose of [illegible] ing out the objects of the vote.

Mar. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

84 1893

[illegible] Returned from Chicago last Friday the 17th. Have visited the Columbian Exposition and spent two weeks at the Post Graduate Medical School on Harrison St. on West Side; and visited some of the hospitals and Medical Schools.

On return, stopped over at Niagara Falls, and witnessed the grandeur of the scene.

Will transcribe a few jottings made on the journey and at the Fair.

Left Boston at 9.30 A.M. by the N.Y. and N.E. R. Road —

Left New Britain, Conn. at 1.20 P.M. a thrifty place, widely grown within the last 50 years.

Bristol — a place of less importance apparently than the preceding but the surrounding country looks well.

About 2 P.M. mountainous approaching the Green mountain range.

2.15 P.M. Waterbury — [illegible] appear to be a business centre for the surrounding country — has large manufacturing interests. A fine view of the river valley and the cultivated valley — high lands beyond — high grade of R.R. engineering.

1893

Nov. 20 7 P.M. Crossed the Hoosatonic [illegible] Pit
[illegible] reached through a [illegible]
tree - manufacturing in a [illegible]
Arrive at Pinkie about [illegible]
has water power and factories - [illegible]
of revolutionary note. [illegible]
all through from Conn.
7 P.M. Took sleeper at Newburgh. Supper
at Port Jarvis. Breakfast at Corry -
Fine farming region through Penn.
Much manufacturing through in first
part of journey through Ohio - Central Ohio
agricultural - wheat - corn
Reached Marion junction about
night.
Arrived in Chicago between 2 and 3 A.M.
Thursday morning the 19th Oct.
Agricultural Building.
Java - Coffee - quaint tools
Honduras - Sarsaparilla - cigars, tobacco
N. Eng. tobacco growers association.
Havana. Cigars, &c
Tampa. Fl. cigars, &c
Wisconsin Tobacco.
Denmark.
Holland -
New So Wales - wool
Uruguay
Ceylon - tea -

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Nov. 3.0 Philippine Islands - cereals, fruit, spices - hemp, &c.

Porto Rico - seeds, vegetables, nuts, [illegible] coffee.

Trinidad

[illegible] - Cotton, coffee, products of the grape, orange, &c

Straw or palm leaf hat, &c

[illegible] silk a great exhibit

Cuba - cigars, &c.

British Guiana - stuffed animals, seeds, birds, reptiles, coffee, lum, feather work, Indian work

Ecuador - India rubber, coffee, tobacco, ancient pottery, archaeological.

Siam, silk - [illegible] rice, &c

Jaint agricultural implements.

Mexico - Tobacco cotton seed, cereals, coffee - vanilla -

Liberia - coffee, skins, palm oil.

Curacoa - Hand work - woods - coffee, gold, quartz, gum, seed, marmalade

Bones found in a buried urn. Carib antiquities - aruba -

U. S. Exhibit - Foods, feeding stuffs, fertilizers - entomology - botany.

Mass. Inst. Technology.

Oklahoma - Tallest corn, wheat, oats, grass, [illegible] sorghum, [illegible]

1893
Nov 20 Italy [illegible]
soap
New Hampshire - Plow made by [illegible]
Webster and used by him in Marshfield
Kansas - Agricultural products -
Orange Free State - [illegible] skins - [illegible]
ascent up - corn and cereals [illegible]
Tobacco - Ostrich feathers - [illegible]
Greece - Tobacco from [illegible]
Olive oil soap - Olive oil - silk
Washington - Fruit - a fine exhibit
Most of grains.
Persia - Rugs, &c. Old implements, bronze
& crockery ware
Argentina - a fine exhibit - grain wine
- plough all iron - flour - wools - [illegible]
sheep skins - Cattle skins - macaroni
Paraguay - Serpent skins - Alligator skins
variety & Lead fancy - Tanning barks
aromatic plants - oleaginous plants -
Staining materials - Tobacco. Fancy work
Japan - unique exhibit - stuffed birds
cocoons - tobacco - grain, [illegible]
Mechanical and Liberal Arts Building
Russia - carved work - [illegible]
[illegible] work [illegible] from St. Petersburg
Great exhibit of furs and skins and
manufactures thereof.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Skates - Snowshoes - Reindeer - Furs
and Skins -
Switzerland - Watches - carved work
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] -
Italy - Sculpture - [illegible] -
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] -
Denmark - Thorwaldsen - Sculpture
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] -
Korea - Skins [illegible] [illegible] - Chair to
be carried by shafts with single wheel
to run on ground - [illegible] goods, mats
[illegible] of silk [illegible] by hand - wares
of bronze - Shoes

Fisheries Building

Vancouver from Delaware river -
[illegible] [illegible] - boats & models -
Shells - Seafowl - Seines - Fish
stuffed - Pipe - lines - fishing gear -
Maskee - Fur seal, 1250 lbs.
N. Carolina - Fish camp - Shells, and
stuffed Seafowl.
Minnesota - has inland fisheries
Norway - large exhibit [illegible] of boats
and products of the sea in [illegible] &c.
[illegible] animals.

Nov. 20 On Monday, Oct 25 - visited the vessel
Santa Maria - Convent of La Rabida
Krupp exhibit of cannon - projectiles.
Also visited second story of Liberal
Arts Building - Educational exhibits.
U. S. Government Building
U. S. Hospital Building.
Oct 26th visited State Buildings & others
Transportation Building
Agricultural Building
Merck Building

Brazil - Large exhibit of coffee
Up stairs, fine arts.
Turkey - Silk, figs, rugs, &c.
Work on costumes and their fabrics.
Venezuela - Art. Painting of bull fight
minerals - painting of Simon Bolivar.
equestrian - his sword [illegible] at
Lima in 1825. - Rum - Alcohol - woods.
leather - Cocao - Chocolate.
India Building - Industrial [illegible]
of the country.
Hayti - Woods, coffee - minerals - shells
handiwork.
New So. Wales - fine art.
Sweden - closed.
Naval exhibit - model of ship.
Illinois -

[illegible] Oct. 26th continued.

[illegible] Viking vessel.

Costa Rica - Woods. Skins - coffee.
minerals - resins - and tannin barks -
[illegible] plants - [illegible]
[illegible] - [illegible] - animals.
[illegible] minerals coffee - skins.
woods. Indian relics.
[illegible] - plants.
Colombia - Aboriginal antiquities
Natural products - silk minerals.

Dec. 14. In November last Mr. Geo. Francis Dow sent out invitations to [illegible] whom he thought might be interested in the history of Topsfield to meet at his house on Main St. Nov. 30th and consider the expediency of forming an historical society. About 40 persons [illegible] in an informal manner favorable to the project. A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws and report at a future meeting. Adjourned to Dec. 14th. And according to adjournment — the

Dec. report of the committee on constitution received, accepted and adopted. The first article was that the Society be known as The Topsfield Historical Society.

Officers were then elected Myself President —

Vice President. Chas. J. [illegible] Secy. Treas. & Curator, Geo. Francis Dow and an executive com. of five of whom the Pres. Vice President and Secy should be members ex officio, and two additional members elected by the Society.

About 40 individuals accepted membership. John H. Gould, who is very sick and unable to be present

[illegible] was elected an honorary member. [illegible] by [illegible] M. [illegible] [illegible] Dr. [illegible] [illegible] Superstitions [illegible] to the first Friday in Jan. 1895 which will be the beginning of the Society's year in accordance with its constitution

1908

June 9. Came to Topsfield to live 50 years ago today.

Attended meeting of the Mass Med. Socy. for a few hours today.

" 10 Attended the annual dinner of the Mass. Med. Socy. at Mechanic Hall, Boston met classmates Lamson, and Cutter.